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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD FOR SEVERING BRITTLE  
MATERIAL SUBSTRATE AND SEVERING  
APPARATUS USING THE METHOD

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. APA-0217 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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